

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY COLOMBO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 0013

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRD, EINV, EIND, EPAP, CE

SUBJ: SRI LANKAN TEXTILE EXPORTS TO THE UNITED STATES

REF: COLOMBO 1257 AND PREVIOUS

1. IN AN EFFORT TO EXPAND THE COUNTRY'S INDUSTRIAL BASE, TO GENERATE EMPLOYMENT, AND TO PROMOTE FOREIGN INVESTMENT, THE GOVERNMENT OF SRI LANKA (GSL) HAS ESTABLISHED A FREE TRADE ZONE (REFTEL). THE PRODUCTION OF GARMENTS AND OTHER TEXTILE PRODUCTS WITHIN THE ZONE FOR EXPORT IS AN AREA OF CONSIDERABLE PROMISE. IN THE PAST, SRI LANKA HAS BEEN A RELATIVELY MINOR EXPORTER OF TEXTILES TO THE U.S. WITH THE PROSPECT OF A CONSIDERABLE EXPANSION OF EXPORTS TO THE U.S., AND KNOWING THE SENSITIVITY IN THE U.S. TO LARGE INCREASES IN TEXTILE IMPORTS, GSL OFFICIALS HAVE RAISED A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS WITH THE EMBASSY.

2. EMBASSY ECONOMIC/COMMERICAL OFFICER JOHN SPILLANE WILL BE IN WASHINGTON ON CONSULTATION THE WEEK OF APRIL 17 AND WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH EXPERTS IN STATE, CUSTOMS, AND ELSEWHERE TO DISCUSS THE ABOVE MATTER. WHILE IN WASHINGTON, SPILLANE'S  
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POINT OF CONTACT WILL BE JOHN MALOTT, NEA/INS, ROOM 5251,  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE, EXTENSION 22351.  
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